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SUBJ: PRAVDA PRAISES LOYALTY OF CHILEAN ARMED FORCES

1. PRAVDA JULY1 GIVES HIGH MARKS TO CHILEAN ARMED FORCES FOR PUTTING DOWN REVOLT, LINE IN HARSH CONDEMNATION OF REBELLIOUS ELEMENTS URGES THAT "DECISIVE MEASURES" BE TAKEN AGAINST PLOTTERS. TASS REPORTS FROM SANTIAGO AND COMMENTARY BY V. BOROVSKIY APPEARING IN PRAVDA EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF CHILEAN MILITARY' LOYALTY AND NEED TO CRACK DOWN ON "TRAITORS" DOING THE BIDDING OF "REACTOONARIES" AND "FASCISTS."

2. CHILEAN EMBOFF WHO HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY IN RECENT MONTHS TO DISCUSS CHILEAN SITUATION WITH SOVIETS IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT, TELLS US THERE IS GROWING HARD-LINE SCHOOL IN SOVIET CIRCLES WHICH FAVORS MORE FORCEFUL ACTION BY ALLENDE AGAINST HIS POLITICAL ENEMIES. WE WOULD JUDGE THAT SOVIET POLICY MAKERS CONTINUE TO BE OF TWO MINDS ON BEST COURSE OF ACTION OPEN TO ALLENDE. LATEST EVENTS IN CHILE, HOWEVER, MAY HAVE SERVED TO STRENGTHEN HAND OF HARD-LINERS AND MIGHT BE PARTIAL EXPLANATION FOR TOUGHER TONE OF PRAVDA'S ACCOUNT OF RECENT EVENTS.

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